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A NEW ELECTION POSSIBLE.

The action of the house yesterday

almost decided that the count will

not be finished by the fourth of March.

There are only five legislative days left,

and there are seven states uncounted.

South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Ver-

mont, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Rhode Island was disposed of yester-

day. Mr. Corlies, the en-

gineer-builder, who was a centen-

nial commissioner, was chosen as

elected by the people. He resigned on

account of confessed inability, and

an extra session of the legislature

was called, which proceeded to

fill his place. Did the legislators

act in accordance with the de-

cisions of the notorious eight?

If so, they must have executed a

doubtless somersault. After Rhode

Island came the complicated South

Carolina case, which was sent to the

commission. Double returns have also

been received from Vermont, making

another case for argument before the

Bradley tribunal. Objections are

known to exist to the votes of Wiscon-

sin and Virginia. If there was no

position in the house to filibuster for

the purpose of delaying the count, the

votes could not be counted in a decent

and orderly manner before the fourth

of March. Up to this time, with-

out the interposition of intention-

al obstacles, the count has not

progressed as fast as it must hereafter

in order to reach a consumption be-

fore the eventful day. We say, there-

fore, that the count may not be com-

pleted, and that Hayes may not be the

next president; neither will Mr. Til-

den. Who would be?

It is easy to answer: the president

of the senate; but the identity of the

victor preceding is unknown. It

cannot be Mr. Ferry, for his term ex-

pires on the fourth of March. It would

probably be Mr. Sherman. It may

be Oliver P. Morton. We do not be-

lieve it will be Mr. Conkling. He repre-

sents neither Mr. Hayes nor the

Mortons. He holds at present an

anomalous position in the republican

party.

The republicans have, it is true,

concocted a plan to save the presi-

dency. If they become satisfied that

the count will not be completed in the

house, the senate is to repudiate the

electoral bill and call a joint session on

its own account, in its own little cham-

ber. All the house republicans would

of course go over, and the conspirators

hope enough democrats would also go

to make a majority of the house. The

count would then proceed in a

hurry, Hayes would be declared

elected, and Grant's bayonets would

be expected to carry out the plot. The

democrat who would lend himself to

any such scheme would be guilty of

political suicide of the most hopeless

character. He would sink under the

public wave of indignation to no more.

There would be no such dem-

ocrats.

To overcome all legal doubts it is

thought that President Grant should

resign on the 3rd of March, when the

president of the senate would become

president of the United States under

the plain reading of the 14th section

of the revised statutes, to hold until

a new election could be called by the

secretary of state as provided in

the 147th and 148th sections of the

statutes. For some lawyers contend

that a failure to elect before the

fourth of March would not be a

contingency that could be filled under

existing law. Hence the advisability

of President Grant's resignation. It

would shorten the Galena statesman's

term one day, but the abbreviation

would not become a matter of national

regret. David Dudley Field's bill pro-

vides for the omission in the present

law. It is thought that either this

bill would be passed or that President

Grant would resign and allow the senate

to name his successor. Under the un-

repealed law of 1792 the new election

could not be held until next November;

but that date would come around

sooner than the corresponding month o

in 1860. But whether the new election

comes in April under a new bill or in

November under the present law, it is

coming sometime seems to be possible

to those who enter the country in which

they entered? We would advise

southern men to carefully consider this

business.

SEVERAL issues of the Burlington

Hawkeye have reached us without a

single poem on the triumph of fraud in

the commission. The laureate of the

Hawkeye is probably confined to the

sofa in which he was born.

CORTINA, who has been cutting up

silk caps in Mexico during the past

year or two, has been captured, and

will doubtless be shot. Shooting is

one of the Mexican methods that

Grant ought to have adopted in the

south.

THE reason Grant is not long ago

recognized Packard and Chamberlain

is because he thought such a course

might embarrass his successor. This

was thoughtful in Grant.

JOHN SHERMAN, who has been close-

eted with Hayes, admits that the latter

will be compelled to recognize Pickard

in order to uphold and recognize his

me, by which he was accounted in.

The presidential hoodlum insists

that the citizens, who desired to cele-

brate Washington's birthday in South

Carolina are nothing more than armed

subversives.

THE next time there is any dispute

as to who is elected president we shall

move to the whole matter to the

Paraphrases' Association.

THE president didn't think on Sun-

day that the democrats would fulfill

their. We are all liable to commit errors of judgment.

THE most effectual mode of electing

a radical to the presidency is to defeat

him at the polls.

All this talk about conciliating the

south must be heavily on Wall's stom-

ach.

AND MORTON and Z. Chandler of the

opinion that it is too early to let up

on the solid and sunny south?

THE voice of the editors of the Griff-

fins Press is for war.

GRANT and Gobright seem to be as

intimate as a pair of triplets.

THE NOMINATION IN THE NINTH DIS-

TRICT.

"OLD SL."

THE LOGIC OF GO-BY-NINING.

Old Sl who is complaining about hard

times. We asked him:

"Why do all you darkies keep so many dogs?

"For de Lawd, I dunno 'cept dat hit is

a dog's dog."

"Why should that recommend them as prop-

erty?"

"Well, de nigger kant 'filiate wid de white folks ter de fellers of his 'bilities,' as he's

known; they'd be snatched 'llikid."

"What's the reason?"

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